Mr A. A Phelps

Boston

Br Tenney D

Sam'l Lee
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Sturbridge Monday 4 o'clock P.M.

44 Br Phelps — I have a moment while Br Tenney is copying something below to send mother (I've forgotten the name) about which they are very private, & I doubt not it is a subject of importance — I have a moment I say & I will tell you about Phelps. I saw her this morning — She thinks she has had for a day or two clearer views, & a more affecting sense of her sinfulness — does not know why she is unwilling to give up all & submit to God & accept of Christ as a Savior. To give up all was a phrase she used much. Her efforts seem to be directed to this point viz to bring herself to a willingness to give up the world in every form. She is unable to discover so far as she knows any thing which she can not thus give up.

She thinks she "sees the Lord, though far off" — implying as I thought that she expected to see him progressively nearer & nearer &c. that she would by a progress come into the possession of a religious character — This error I endeavored to meet, by showing her that God was either very far off & in frowns or else very near, & ready to admit her to his presence with filial affection. In short that she was not to grow better, & in proportion as she did, enjoy increasing degrees of nearness to God (in the sense of the word) but must at once assume it as a Savior & then as a consequence, immediately be filled with joy & peace in believing.

Br T. is waiting so good by. I want will this that you might conduct yourself accordingly when you see her Yours Lee
I have not half told my story.